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The reply brief filed 12/23/05 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and interferences for decision of the appeal.

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